DARUL ISLAM VS DARUL KUFR

ACCORDING TO THE ULAMA

DARUL KUFR (the Abode of Disbelief) is whatever land is ruled by the disbelievers (Kuffar), in which the laws of the disbelievers are supreme and political power is in their hands.

These lands may be of two types. One which is at war with the Muslims (Dar-ul Harb) and one which enjoys a truce with them.

The determining factor is that it is ruled by the laws of the disbelievers; for it is the "Abode of Disbelief" or "Dar-ul-Kufr", even if a large majority of Muslims live there.

DARUL ISLAM (the Abode of Islam) is any land that is ruled by the Muslims, where the Shari'ah is the supreme law and the Muslims hold political power.

It is Dar-ul-Islam, even if the majority of the population are disbelievers (Kafir), so long as the Muslims rule it according to the Shari'ah.

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